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## CNA Representatives to Host Community Meetings Regarding CPD Racial Bias Audit

**Charleston, S.C.**—Representatives from CNA, a nonprofit research and analysis organization hired by the city of Charleston to conduct a Racial Bias Audit of the Charleston Police Department, will host a series of community meetings in March to introduce citizens to the CNA team, provide an overview of their work plan, outline upcoming activities, and provide a timeline for the audit. The meetings will also include an opportunity for public input, where citizens are invited to share their perspectives, concerns, and suggestions regarding the audit.

The following community meetings are scheduled:

- March 26, 2019, 6 to 8 p.m.
  Bibleway Baptist, 2019 Savage Road, Charleston, SC 29407
- March 27, 2019, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
  St. James Presbyterian, 1314 Secessionville Road, Charleston, SC 29412
- March 28, 2019, 6 to 8 p.m.
  Burke High School, 244 President Street, Charleston, SC 29403
- March 29, 2019, 6 to 8 p.m.
  St. Julian Devine Community Center, 1 Cooper Street, Charleston, SC 29403

"These community meetings not only provide us with an opportunity to hear directly from a larger subset of the community, but also afford us the opportunity to empower the community by seeking their input in the development of our findings and recommendations," said CNA Senior Research Scientist Denise Rodriguez. "The community's input will influence continued and sustained change for the Charleston Police Department."

For more information about CNA and the Racial Bias Audit of the Charleston Police Department, please email <a href="mailto:smartjustice@cna.org">smartjustice@cna.org</a>.

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